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Letter dated 17 June 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am instructed by my Government to convey to you the following statement:

"The Austrian Federal Government has the honour to communicate to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the following:

"As the Austrian Foreign Minister had the honour to inform the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session on 30 September 1970, the Italian Government, in a declaration to its Parliament of 3 December 1969, and without prejudice to its legal position concerning the question of the implementation of the Paris Agreement of 5 September 1946, had announced the intention to adopt a set of measures in favour of the population of South Tyrol, aiming at extending the range of the legislative and administrative powers attributed to the Province of Bozen. In a declaration to the Austrian Parliament of 15 December 1969, the Austrian Federal Government, on its part, and again without prejudice to its legal position concerning the above-mentioned question, had announced that as soon as these measures would be taken, it would declare to consider as terminated the dispute relating to the implementation of the Paris Agreement of 5 September 1946, which was the subject of General Assembly resolution 1497 (XV) and 1661 (XVI).

"Taking into account the realization of the measures that were announced at that time by the Italian Government in favour of the population of South Tyrol, as communicated to the Austrian Government in

a note of 22 April 1992, which was replied to by a note of the same date, the Austrian Federal Government finally stated in a declaration of 11 June 1992 that it considers as terminated the above-mentioned dispute.

"The Austrian Government requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to take note of the above communication."

I would be grateful if you could have this communication circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 98 and 135.

(Signed) Peter HOHENFELLNER
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Permanent Representative